



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Applicant : David M. Dundorf
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Examiner : n/a
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Honorable Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above referenced Application, kindly amend the same as follows:

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer, and add new Claims 2-4 as follows:

Claim 1 (canceled)

Claim 2 (new): A changeable signage system comprising:

a signboard having a substantially planar surface;

a pair of upper and lower character holding tracks extending in a parallel manner relative to each other and being affixed to said signboard, said upper and lower character holding tracks each having a back portion spaced apart at a predetermined distance;

a plurality of characters formed on thin rectangular substrates, each having a height slightly less than said predetermined distance between said back portions of said upper and lower character holding tracks, and capable of being front and/or end loaded into said upper and lower character holding tracks; and

character locking means operably associated with at least said upper character holding track and said plurality of characters, for preventing unauthorized removal of said characters from said upper and lower character holding tracks.